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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. MC2000-2/9

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Mailing Online Experiment

Docket No. MC2000-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEFS

March 21, 2000

On March 20, 2000, the Postal Service filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Reply Briefs (Motion). The Postal Service asserts that Mail Advertising Service Association International joins in the motion and the Office of Consumer Advocate does not oppose the motion. The reply briefs are due on March 22, 2000. The Postal Service is requesting that the filing date be extended until March 27, 2000. The pressing requirements of the rate case, Docket No. R2000-1, and an opportunity to respond to the factual assertions and arguments made in the initial briefs are cited as reasons for the delay. The Postal Service has not indicated a definite date for when it will be ready to implement Mailing Online. Tr. 4/1339-40. Therefore, this five-day delay should not prejudice any party or otherwise have an adverse impact. The Motion is granted. Reply briefs are due on March 27, 2000.

RULING

The Postal Service Joint Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Reply Briefs, filed on March 20, 2000, is granted. Reply briefs are due on March 27, 2000.

W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III

Presiding Officer